

RE: Convoy Update - February 8th

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Hi sir,

Latest RCMP update and the evening GOC update below.

RCMP

Situation as of 5:05PM

No demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time.

Approx 50 demonstrators on Wellington St and in the downtown core.

OPS estimate that there are 500 trucks in the downtown core.

Rideau Hall vehicle diversion strategy has been implemented, with OPS support. The intent is to redirect protest traffic, utilizing static PC's and concrete barriers, from the Rideau Hall area.

GOC UPDATE - New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 08 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **Approx. 10 people on Parliament Hill, approx. 50-60 people on Wellington and surrounding streets.**
 - **About 100 convoy trucks in downtown Ottawa have children staying inside: police.** [Link](#)
 - Ottawa police ask for help as judge muffles horns. [Link](#)
 - Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles. [Link](#)
 - Protest supporters threaten tow truck operator for relocating protestors' shack. [Link](#)
 - Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino. [Link](#)
 - Ottawa declares state of emergency as police boost enforcement, target protest's fuel supply. [Link](#)

Windsor, ON:

- Reports indicate a demonstration affecting operations at the Ambassador Bridge Port of Entry.

- **Ambassador Bridge open for limited US-bound traffic in a single lane.** [Link](#)

Sarnia, ON:

- **As reported by Transport Canada, a group of protestors is amassing on the Canadian side of the border, with the intention of blocking and halting traffic.**
- **The Blue Water Bridge remains open, however heavy traffic diverted from the Ambassador Bridge is contributing to long wait times of over two hours for commercial vehicles entering the US.**

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
 - Downtown Winnipeg residents losing patience with convoy protest noise. [Link](#)
 - Anti-restrictions convoy holds steady outside Manitoba Legislative Building. [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- Demonstrators blocked all traffic at the Port of Entry overnight, however, traffic flow has since resumed.
 - Traffic moving again at Alberta's Coutts border crossing. [Link](#)
 - 'Not all individuals are following the law': RCMP has open investigations in connection with border blockade. [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- **Police resources have facilitated the departure of 6-7 trucks on 08 Feb.**
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 14 Feb.
- Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them. [Link](#)
- OPS has announced on social media that "Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway."
- OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- OPS additionally reports the following:
 - [Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.](#)
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto. Restrictions are in effect until 13 Feb.
- NOTAM in effect over Milk River, AB until 09 Feb; **the NOTAM over Coutts, AB has been extended to 16 Feb.**

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.

- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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Hi sir,

Update from CBSA on what's happening at the blockaded ports of entry. Police will be attempting to re-open a northbound lane for traffic on Ambassador Bridge.

Ambassador Bridge – the Windsor Police Service will attempt to escort 5 to 7 trucks northbound on Huron Church to the USA as a result of discussions with protestors to allow one northbound lane to be opened. The Police will monitor and assess if other protestors attempt to block this movement. All southbound lanes remain blocked – the plaza has been blocked by 6 separate protest sites involving personal vehicles and approximately 150 to 200 pedestrians.

Sarnia Bluewater Bridge – 135 minute border wait time for trucks with all commercial PIL lanes open, there is a 17 km backup of commercial trucks. No border wait time for passenger vehicles and no protest activity reported. There is a 14 km backlog of trucks waiting to enter the USA at Ambassador on Highway 402, CBP is reporting a 125 minute wait time for trucks.

Windsor Tunnel – no delay reported and no protest activity.

Coutts: As of 1200 ET, CBSA has seen minimal traffic; and processing north bound traffic with no issues. Southbound: the blockades have commercial traffic backing up with delays increasing. RCMP continue to facilitate & divert southbound traffic. 56 trucks are waiting to be released southbound at CP 14 by RCMP, among them a group of cattle trucks RCMP is working to put through.

Lyleton MB: On February 8, 2022 as of 1410 ET, the lone protester ended their blockade of HWY 256. Southbound traffic was able to enter the US. RCMP had not attended at this point. Traffic is able to travel north bound and south bound freely. Adjacent ports have been notified.

Pacific Highway: As of 11:30 PST on February 8, 2022, the demonstration continues near Pacific Highway port of entry. Currently 25-30 participants are visible, all located at the side of 176 Street, between 2nd and 4th Avenues. This is not on port property, and is approximately 500 metres north of the port. There is no slow roll or convoy currently being utilized by the demonstrators. Participants have been peaceful and continue to display flags and signs with various freedom messages, while waving at those who drive by. Heaters, chairs, and a tent have been set up. This demonstration is having no impact on CBSA operations, and traffic has not been impeded in either north or south directions.

Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 8 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

NOR

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

GTA:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

Blue Water Bridge:

- At 14:22 ET on February 8, 2022, Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) has reported that a slow roll protest is being planned on social media for Port Huron, MI (US) on 12 February 2022 at approximately 13:00 ET.
- On February 8, 2022, as of 1400 ET, the border wait time at Sarnia Blue Water Bridge is at 2 hours for trucks entering Canada.

Ambassador Bridge:

- As of 1510 ET SOR reports Windsor Police are considering allowing small groups of northbound traffic to cross.
- As of 1315 ET, The Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Centre (SEMTOC) is reporting that the Ambassador Bridge is likely to remain closed overnight.
- As of 13:00 hours, protestors have completely blocked westbound College Avenue turning northbound on Patricia Rd with pickup trucks and vehicles. This route was previously used by local traffic and employees reporting to work.

PRA:

Coutts:

- As of 1200 ET, CBSA has seen minimal traffic this morning; processing north bound traffic with no issues. Southbound: commercial traffic backing up with delays increasing due to the blockades. RCMP continue to vet & divert southbound traffic at CP14 (right next to Milk River). RCMP is working to put through the 21 Southbound cattle trucks at CP14 one at a time to ensure they do not get stuck between protest sites. There are currently approximately 56 southbound trucks at CP14 waiting to be released by RCMP to travel south.

Del Bonita

- On February 8, 2022, as of 10:53 ET, two tractors pulling grain carts and one tractor pulled into the parking lot at POE Del Bonita for about 5 min. and drove north to HWY 501 and headed west towards POE Carway. RCMP are aware. The POE was not open at the time and there was no impact to operations.

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Hi sir,

Mid-day GOC update below. Also attached is a mid-day update from the CBSA on the status of Ambassador Bridge and Coutts.

Also for awareness, as you might have seen, MP Lightbound held a press conference this morning on the convoy. He stated that he did not support the protestors, but that he believed the current rhetoric has become too divisive. He is calling for a clear roadmap for how we bring current restrictions to an end.

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Windsor, ON:

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- In response to the demonstration the CBSA has temporarily closed the bridge.
 - Ambassador Bridge linking Windsor, Detroit "temporarily closed." [Link](#)

- Bridge traffic at standstill as protesters park rigs. [Link](#)

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Regina, SK:

- No reports of demonstrations.
 - Police restraint resolved protest safely. [Link](#)

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- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- On the evening of 06 Feb Police resources:
 - Cleared Confederation Park of all structures and demonstrators.
 - Started clearing Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Park of fuel.
 - Began to arrest people bringing fuel into the downtown core.
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 14 Feb.
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Good morning sir,

Here is our first update of the day from the RCMP:

Event Overview:

- **There are no demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **There are no demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- OPS estimate that there are **500 trucks in the downtown core.**

Communications:

- There continues to be a high volume of media reports about the Ottawa and Albert convoy protests this morning with 232 news article reporting on this issue. In addition, a number of articles recapped an interview on a local network with Ottawa Police Chief Sloly, who continued to make an appeal for additional policing resources to be deployed to the city. Furthermore, pieces also discussed ongoing blockades at both the Ambassador Bridge connecting Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, as well as Coutts, Alberta where protestors have blocked "all traffic" according to reporting early this morning.
- No new media requests have been received since this morning.